

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Magnet Summer Reading 2012-2013

Chose one of the books below and complete the short project that accompanies the book. Bring the project to the Science Research teacher sometime in the first week of school.

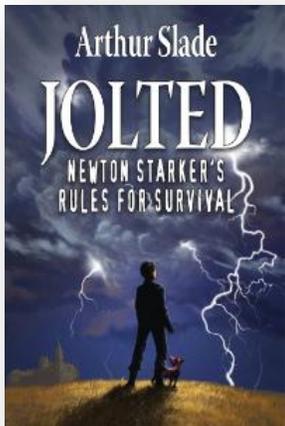
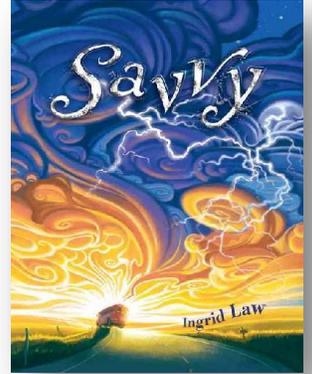
## **BOOK #1: *Savvy*, by Ingrid Law**

### **ABOUT THE BOOK:**

For generations, the Beaumont family has harbored a secret. They each possess a “savvy”—a special power that strikes when they turn thirteen. Grandpa Bomba moves mountains, Mibs’s older brothers create hurricanes and spark electricity...and now it’s the eve of Mibs’s big day. As if waiting for her savvy to show up wasn’t hard enough, Mibs’s family gets scary news two days before her birthday: Poppa has been in a terrible accident. With the hope that her new power will save Poppa, Mibs sneaks onto a salesman’s bus bound for the hospital...only to find the bus heading in the opposite direction. Suddenly, Mibs finds herself on an unforgettable odyssey that will force her to make sense of growing up—and of other people, who might also have a few secrets hidden just below the skin.

### **Directions for *Savvy***

Slowly, Mibs discovers the way her savvy works. In a 500 word essay discuss the following: How does she figure it out? How is it different from the savvy that she originally hoped for? In the last year, what have you, like Mibs, discovered about yourself?



## **BOOK #2: *Jolted: Newton Starker's Rules for Survival*, by Arthur Slade**

### **ABOUT THE BOOK:**

For over two hundred years, everyone in the Starker family has died after being hit by lightning, leaving only two-- Great-Grandmother Enid, whose secret to a long life is to grumble about everything, and fourteen-year-old Newton. Determined to break the curse, he enrolls in the Jerry Potts Academy of Higher Learning and Survival in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, where students must navigate the outdoors, the very place Newton's mother warned him about.

### **Directions for *Jolted***

What is a fear you have? What would your list of survival skills be for this fear? Make a bookmark listing the survival skills and put the fear at the top of the list. (If you would like) The bookmark should be between 8" to 12" long and 2" wide. You may include illustrations and color.

## **Book #3: *Simon Bloom, the Gravity Keeper*, Michael Reisman**

### **ABOUT THE BOOK:**

This is the story of Simon Bloom, an imaginative 11-year old boy who finds the wondrous Teacher's Edition of Physics (or does it find him?), a Book that lets him control the laws of Physics. Simon and his friends, Owen and Alysha, have a great time with these powers, but unfortunately, they're not the only ones who know about it. The Book belongs to a group, called the Order of Physics, who wants it back. Plus, there are two villains who will stop at nothing to get the Book for their own nasty plans. Of course, all of these people have their own science powers...and it's only a matter of time before they find Simon and his friends.

### **Directions for *Simon Bloom, the Gravity Keeper***

Your task is to create a business card for a character in the story. Put the characters name and power they have on the card. Be sure to include any graphics that would advertise the power of the character you picked.

